

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
a first connector to connect a first tubing section and a second tubing section together;
and
a member adapted to be moved from a retracted position to an extended position to form a sealed connection between a first tubular member that is connected to the first tubing section and a second tubular member that is connected to the second tubing section.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first tubing section comprises a first production tubing section and the second tubing section comprises a second production tubing section.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first tubing section comprises a first injection tubing section and the second tubing section comprises a second injection tubing section.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the member comprises a sleeve adapted to move between the retracted position and the extended position.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the sleeve is adapted to slide between the retracted position and the extended position.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:
first body attached to the first tubing section and being mounted to the sleeve, and
a second body separate from the first body and being mounted to the second tubing section.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first body comprises a first passageway and the second body comprises a second passageway to establish communication through the apparatus between the first tubular member and the second tubular member.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the sleeve is adapted to bridge a gap between the first body and the second body to seal the first and second passageways.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the second body is adapted to receive an end of the first tubing section and an end of the second tubing section.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the second body comprises a tapered opening to receive the first tubing section.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the sleeve is adapted to bridge a gap between the first body and the second body, the apparatus further comprising: a sealing element located between the sleeve and the second body.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the sealing element is located on an exterior surface of the second body and circumscribes a longitudinal axis of the second body.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the sealing element is located on an exterior surface of an annular face of the second body.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first body comprises a passageway to establish communication through the first body between the first tubular member and the second tubular member, and the sleeve is adapted to form a seal between a wall of the passageway and the sleeve.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the member comprises a sleeve adapted to closely circumscribe the first tubular member and move between the retracted position and the extended position.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
a first body attached to the first tubing section and being mounted to the sleeve, and
a second body separate from the first body and being mounted to the second tubing section.

20.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the member is eccentric with respect to the first tubing section.

23.-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Original) A method comprising:
connecting a first tubing section to a second production tubing section; and
moving a member from a retracted position to an extended position to form a sealed connection between a first tubular member that is connected to the first tubing section and a second tubular member that is connected the second tubing section.

51. (Original) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the first tubing section comprises a first production tubing section and the second tubing section comprises a second production tubing section.

52. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the moving comprises:
moving a sleeve between the retracted position and the extended position.

53. (Original) The method of claim 52, wherein the moving comprises: sliding the sleeve between the retracted position and the extended position.

54. (Original) The method of claim 52, wherein the moving comprises: rotating the sleeve to engage threads to move the sleeve from the retracted position to the extended position.

55. (Original) The method of claim 52, further comprising: attaching a first body to the first tubing section; mounting the sleeve to the first body; and attaching a second body separate from the first body to the second tubing.

56. (Original) The method of claim 55, further comprising: providing a first passageway in the first body; and providing a second passageway in the second body, wherein the first tubular member and the second tubular member communicate through the first and second passageways.

57. (Original) The method of claim 56, further comprising: using the sleeve to bridge a gap between the first body and the second body to seal the first and second passageways.

58. (Original) The method of claim 57, further comprising: extending the sleeve is adapted to extend into the gap; and using an opening in the sleeve to permit communication between the first and second passageways.

59. (Original) The method of claim 55, further comprising: receiving an end of the first tubing in the first body; and receiving an end of the second tubing section in the first body.

60. (Original) The method of claim 59, further comprising:
providing a tapered opening in the second body to receive the first tubing section.

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Original) The method of claim 55, further comprising:
using the sleeve to bridge a gap between the first body and the second body; and
providing a sealing element between the sleeve and the second body.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the sealing element is located on an exterior surface of the second body and circumscribes a longitudinal axis of the second body.

64. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the sealing element is located on an exterior surface of an annular face of the second body.

65. The method of claim 55, further comprising:
providing a passageway in the first body to establish communication through the first body between the first tubular member and the second tubular member; and
forming a seal between a wall of the passageway and the sleeve.

66. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the moving comprises:
moving a sleeve that closely circumscribes the first tubular member between the retracted position and the extended position.

67. (Original) The method of claim 66, further comprising:
attaching a first body to the first tubing section;
mounting the sleeve to the first body; and
attaching a second body separate from the first body to the second tubing section.

68.-69. (Cancelled)

70. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the member is eccentric with respect to the first tubing section.

71.-96. (Cancelled)